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22. To infatuate; to make mad.  
My aching head can scarce support the pain,  
This cursed love will surely turn my brain;  
Feel how it shoots. *Theocrit.*  
Alas! she raves; her brain, I fear, is turn'd. *Rosw.*  
23. To direct to, or from any point.  
The sun  
Was bid turn reins from th' equinoctial road. *Milton.*  
A man, though he turns his eyes towards an object, yet  
he may chuse whether he will curiously survey it. *Locke.*  
Unless he turns his thoughts that way, he will no more have  
clear and distinct ideas of the operations of his mind, than he  
will have of a clock, who will not turn his eyes to it.  
They turn away their eyes from a beautiful prospect. *Add.*  
24. To direct to a certain purpose or propension.  
My thoughts are turn'd on peace.  
Already have our quarrels fill'd the world  
With widows and with orphans. *Addison's Cato.*  
This turns the busiest spirits from the old notions of honour  
and liberty to the thoughts of traffick. *Addison.*  
His natural magnanimity turn'd all his thoughts upon some-  
thing more valuable than he had in view. *Addison.*  
He turn'd his parts rather to books and conversation, than  
to politics. *Prior.*  
He is still to spring from one of a poetical disposition, from  
whom he might inherit a soul turn'd to poetry. *Pope.*  
25. To double in.  
Thus a wife taylor is not pinching,  
But turns at ev'ry seam an inch in. *Swift.*  
26. To revolve; to agitate in the mind.  
Turn these ideas about in your mind, and take a view of  
them on all sides. *Watts.*  
27. To drive from a perpendicular edge; to blunt.  
Quick wits are more quick to enter speedily, than able to  
pierce far; like sharp tools whose edges be very soon turn'd.  
28. To drive by violence; to expel.  
Rather turn this day out of the week;  
This day of shame. *Shakespeare.*  
They turn'd weak people and children unable for service,  
out of the city. *Kneller's Hist. of the Turks.*  
He now was grown deform'd and poor,  
And fit to be turn'd out of door. *Hudibras, p. iii.*  
If I had taken to the church, I should have had more sense  
than to have turn'd myself out of my benefice by writing li-  
bels on my parishioners. *Dryden's Preface to Fables.*  
I would be hard to imagine that God would turn him out  
of paradise, to till the ground; and at the same time advance  
him to a throne. *Locke.*  
A great man in a peasant's house, finding his wife hand-  
some, turn'd the good man out of his dwelling. *Addison.*  
29. To apply.  
They all the sacred mysteries of heaven  
To their own vile advantages shall turn. *Milton.*  
When the passage is open, land will be turned most to  
great cattle; when shut, to sheep. *Temple.*  
30. To reverse; to repeal.  
God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon  
thee. *Deut. xxx.*  
31. To keep passing in a course of exchange or traffick.  
These are certain commodities, and yield the readiest money  
of any that are turn'd in this kingdom, as they never fail of  
a price abroad. *Temple.*  
A man must guard, if he intends to keep fair with the  
world, and turn the penny. *Collier of Popularity.*  
32. To adapt the mind.  
However improper he might have been for studies of a  
higher nature, he was perfectly well turn'd for trade. *Addison.*  
33. To put towards another.  
I will send my fear before thee, and make all thine enemies  
turn their backs unto thee. *Exod. xxiii. 27.*  
34. To retort; to throw back.  
Luther's confidence, by his instigations, turns these very  
reasonings upon him. *Atterbury.*  
35. To TURN away. To dismiss from service; to discard.  
She did nothing but turn up and down, as she had hoped  
to turn away the fancy that master'd her, and hid her face as if  
she could have hidden herself from her own fancies. *Sidney.*  
Yet you will be hanged for being so long absent, or be  
turn'd away. *Shakespeare Twelfth Night.*  
She turn'd away one servant for putting too much oil in  
her falad. *Arbutnot.*  
36. To TURN back. To return to the hand from which it was  
received.  
We turn not back the silks upon the merchant,  
When we have spoil'd them. *Shak. Troilus and Cressida.*  
37. To TURN off. To dismiss contemptuously.  
Having brought our treasure  
Then take we down his load, and turn him off,  
Like to the empty ass, to shake his ears. *Shakespeare.*

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- The murmurer is turn'd off, to the company of those dol-  
ful creatures that inhabit the ruins of Babylon. *Gen. of Tong.*  
He turn'd off his former wife to make room for this mar-  
riage. *Addison.*  
38. To TURN off. To give over; to resign.  
The most adverse chances are like the ploughing and  
breaking the ground, in order to a more plentiful harvest.  
And yet we are not so wholly turn'd off to that reversion, as  
to have no supplies for the present; for besides the comfort of  
so certain an expectation in another life, we have promises  
also for this. *Decay of Piety.*  
39. To TURN off. To deflect.  
The institution of sports was intended by all governments  
to turn off the thoughts of the people from busying themselves  
in matters of state. *Addison's Freeholder.*  
40. To TURN over. To transfer.  
Excusing himself and turning over the fault to fortune;  
then let it be your ill fortune too. *Sidney.*  
41. To TURN so. To have recourse to a book.  
He that has once acquired a prudential habit, doth not, in  
his business, turn to these rules. *Grew.*  
Helveticus's tables may be turn'd to on all occasions. *Locke.*  
42. To be TURNED off. To advance to an age beyond. An  
odd ungrammatical phrase.  
Narcissus now his sixteenth year began,  
Just turn'd of boys, and on the verge of man. *Ovid's Met.*  
When turn'd of forty they determined to retire to the  
country. *Addison.*  
Irus, though now turn'd of fifty, has not appeared in the  
world since five and twenty. *Addison.*  
43. To TURN over. To refer.  
After he had saluted Solyman, and was about to declare the  
cause of his coming, he was turn'd over to the Bassa's. *Kneller.*  
'Tis well the debt no payment does demand.  
You turn me over to another hand. *Dryden's Aurengzeib.*  
44. To TURN over. To examine one leaf of a book after an-  
other.  
Some conceive they have no more to do than to turn over  
a concordance. *Swift's Miscellanies.*  
45. To TURN over. To throw off the ladder.  
Criminals condemned to suffer  
Are blinded first, and then turn'd over.  
To TURN, v. n.  
1. To move round; to have a circular or vertiginous motion.  
Such a light and mett'd dance  
Saw you never;  
And by lead-men for the nonce,  
That turn round like grindstones. *Ben. Jonson.*  
The gate on golden hinges turning.  
The cause of the imagination that things turn round, is,  
for that the spirits themselves turn, being compressed by the  
vapour of the wine; for every liquid body, upon compression,  
turneth, as we see in water: and it is all one to the light,  
whether the visual spirits move, or the object moveth, or the  
medium moveth. And we see that long turning round breed-  
eth the same imagination. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*  
2. To shew regard or anger, by directing the look towards any  
thing.  
Pompey turn'd upon him and bad him be quiet. *Bacon.*  
The understanding turns inwards on itself, and reflects on  
its own operations. *Locke.*  
Turn, mighty monarch, turn, this way:  
Do not refuse to hear. *Dryden.*  
3. To move the body round.  
Nature wrought so, that seeing me she turn'd. *Milton.*  
He said, and turning short with speedy pace,  
Casts back a scornful glance and quits the place. *Dryden.*  
4. To move from its place.  
The ankle-bone is apt to turn out on either side, by rea-  
son of relaxation of the tendons upon the least walking. *Wyssem.*  
5. To change posture.  
If one with ten thousand dice, should throw five thousand  
fives once or twice, we might say he did it by chance; but  
if, with almost an infinite number he should, without failing,  
throw the same fives, we should certainly conclude he did it by  
art; or that these dice could turn upon no other side. *Cheyne.*  
6. To have a tendency or direction.  
There is not a more melancholy object, than a man who  
has his head turn'd with religious enthusiasm. *Addison.*  
His cares all turn upon Aftyanax,  
Whom he has lodg'd within the citadel. *A. Philippi.*  
7. To move the face to another quarter.  
The night seems doubled with the fear she brings.  
The morning, as mistaken, turns about,  
And all her early fires again go out. *Dryden's Aurengzeib.*  
8. To depart from the way; to deviate.  
My lords turn in, into your servant's house. *Gen. xix. 2.*  
Virgil, suppos'd in describing the fury of his hero in a battle,  
when endeavouring to raise our concernment to the highest  
pitch, turns short on the sudden into some similitude, which  
diverts attention from the main subject. *Dryden.*

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9. To alter; to be changed; to be transformed.  
Your bodies may at last turn all to spirit. *Milton.*  
A storm of sad mischance will turn into something that is  
good, if we lift to make it so. *Taylor.*  
This suspicion turn'd to jealousy, and jealousy to rage;  
then the disdain and threatens, and again is humble. *Dryd.*  
Socrates meeting Alcibiades going to his devotions, and  
observing his eyes fix'd with great seriousness, tells him that  
he had reason to be thoughtful, since a man might bring  
down evils by his prayers, and the things which the gods  
send him at his request might turn to his destruction. *Addison.*  
For this I suffer'd Phœbus' steeds to stray,  
And the mad ruler to misguide the day,  
When the wide earth to heaps of ashes turn'd,  
And heav'n itself the wand'ring chariot burn'd. *Pope.*  
Rather than let a good fire be wanting, enliven it with the  
butter that happens to turn to oil. *Swift.*  
10. To become by a change.  
Cygnets from grey turn white; hawks from brown turn  
more white. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*  
Oil of vitriol and petroleum, a drachm of each, will turn  
into a mouldy substance. *Boyle.*  
They turn viragos too; the wrestler's toil  
They try. *Dryden's Fivernal.*  
In this disease, the gall will turn of a blackish colour, and  
the blood verge towards a pitchy consistence. *Arbutnot.*  
11. To change sides.  
Turn'd, and try'd each corner of my bed,  
To find if sleep were there, but sleep was lost. *Dryden.*  
As a man in a fever turns often, although without any hope  
of ease, so men in the extremest misery fly to the first ap-  
pearance of relief, though never so vain. *Swift's Intellig.*  
12. To change the mind, conduct, or determination.  
Turn from thy fierce wrath. *Exod. xxxiii. 12.*  
Turn at my reproof: behold I will pour out my spirit. *Prov.*  
He'll relent and turn from his displeasure. *Milton.*  
13. To change to acid. Ufed of milk.  
Has friendship such a faint and milky heart,  
It turns in less than two nights? *Shak. Timon of Athens.*  
Alles milk turneth not so easily as cows. *Bacon.*  
14. To be brought eventually.  
Let their vanity be flattered with things that will do them  
good; and let their pride set them on work on something  
which may turn to their advantage. *Locke on Education.*  
Christianity directs our actions so, as every thing we do  
may turn to account at the great day. *Addison's Spect.*  
For want of due improvement, these useful inventions have  
not turn'd to any great account. *Baker's Reflect. on Learning.*  
15. To depend on, as the chief point.  
When a man once perceives how far ideas agree or dis-  
agree, he will be able to judge of what other people say.  
The question turns upon this point; when the prebiterians  
shall have got their share of employments, whether they  
ought not, by their own principles, to use the utmost of their  
power to reduce the whole kingdom to an uniformity. *Swift.*  
Conditions of peace certainly turn upon events of war. *See.*  
The first platform of the poem, which reduces into one  
important action all the particulars upon which it turns. *Pope.*  
16. To grow giddy.  
I'll look no more,  
Left my brain turn, and the deficient sight  
Topple down headlong. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*  
If we repent seriously, submit contentedly and serve him  
faithfully, afflictions shall turn to our advantage. *Wake.*  
17. To TURN away. To deviate from a proper course.  
The turning away of the simple shall lay him,  
In some springs of water if you put wood, it will turn  
into the nature of stone. *Bacon.*  
19. To return; to recoil.  
His soul esteem  
Sticks no dishonour on our front, but turns  
Foul on himself. *Milton.*  
20. To be directed to, or from any point.  
Forthwith from dance to sweet repast they turn. *Milton.*  
21. To TURN off. To divert one's course.  
The peaceful banks which profound silence keep,  
The little boat securely passes by  
But where with noise the waters creep,  
Turn off with care, for treacherous rocks are near. *Norris.*  
TURN, n. s. [from the verb.]  
1. The act of turning; gyration.  
2. Meander; winding way.  
Fear misled the youngest from his way;  
But Nisus hit the turns. *Dryden.*  
After a turbulent and noisy course among the rocks, the  
windings glide peaceably into the Tiber. *Addison.*  
3. A walk too and fro.  
My good and gracious lord of Canterbury:  
Come, you and I must walk a turn together. *Shakespeare.*

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- Nothing but the open air will do me good, I'll take a turn  
in your garden. *Dryden's Spanish Friar.*  
Upon a bridge somewhat broader than the space a man  
takes up in walking, laid over a precipice, desire some emi-  
nent philosopher to take a turn or two upon it. *Collier.*  
4. Change; vicissitude; alteration.  
An admirable facility musick hath to express and represent  
to the mind, more inwardly than any other sensible mean,  
the very standing, rising, and falling; the very steps and  
inflections every way; the turns and varieties of all passions  
whereunto the mind is subject. *Hooker.*  
Oh, world, thy slippery turns! friends now fast sworn,  
On a dissension of a dole, break out  
To bitterest enmity. *Shakespeare.*  
The state of christendom might by this have a turn. *Bacon.*  
The King with great nobleness and bounty, which virtues  
had their turn in his nature, restored Edward Stafford. *Bacon.*  
This turn hath made amends! thou hast fulfill'd  
Thy words, Creator bounteous. *Milton.*  
This turn's too quick to be without design;  
I'll found the bottom of 't ere I believe. *Dryden.*  
Too well the turns of mortal chance I know,  
And hate relentless of my heavenly foe. *Pope's Odyss.*  
An English gentleman should be well versed in the history  
of England, that he may observe the several turns of state,  
and how produced. *Locke.*  
5. Manner of proceeding; change from the original intention or  
first appearance.  
The Athenians were offered liberty, but the wise turn they  
thought to give the matter, was a sacrifice of the author. *Swift.*  
6. Chance; hap.  
Every one has a fair turn to be as great as he pleases. *Col.*  
7. Occasion; incidental opportunity.  
An old dog, falling from his speed, was loaden at every turn  
with blows and reproaches. *LeStrange.*  
8. Time at which any thing is to be had or done.  
Myself would be glad to take some breath, and desire that  
some of you would take your turn to speak. *Bacon.*  
His turn will come to laugh at you again. *Denham.*  
The spiteful stars have shed their venom down,  
And now the peaceful planets take their turn. *Dryden.*  
Though they held the power of the civil sword unlawful,  
whilst they were to be governed by it, yet they esteem'd it  
very lawful when it came to their turn to govern. *Atterb.*  
A false constitution of the fluids is acid, alkaline, or mu-  
riatic: of these in their turns. *Arbutnot.*  
The nymph will have her turn to be mistreated. *Swift.*  
9. Actions of kindness or malice.  
Lend this virgin aid,  
Thanks are half lost when good turns are delay'd. *Fairfax.*  
Some malicious natures place their delight in doing ill  
turns. *LeStrange's Fab. b. 102.*  
Shrewd turns strike deeper than ill words. *South.*  
10. Reigning inclination.  
This is not to be accomplished but by introducing religion  
to be the turn and fashion of the age. *Swift.*  
11. A step off the ladder at the gallows.  
They, by their skill in palmistry,  
Will quickly read his destiny;  
And make him glad to read his lesson,  
Or take a turn for it at the session. *Butler.*  
12. Convenience.  
Diogenes' dish did never serve his master for more turns,  
notwithstanding that he made it his dish, cup, cap, measure,  
and water-pot, than a mantle doth an Irishman. *Spenser.*  
They never found occasion for their turns,  
But almost starv'd did much lament and mourn. *Haberd.*  
His going I could frame to serve my turn;  
Save him from danger, do him love and honour. *Shakespeare.*  
My daughter Catharine is not for your turn. *Shakespeare.*  
To perform this murder was elect;  
A base companion, few or none could miss,  
Who first did serve their turn, and now serves his. *Dan.*  
They tried their old friends of the city, who had served  
their turns so often, and let them to get a petition. *Clarendon.*  
This philosophy may pass with the most sensual, while  
they pretend to be reasonable; but whenever they have a  
mind to be otherwise, to drink or to sleep, will serve the  
turn. *Temple's Miscellanies.*  
13. The form; cast; shape; manner.  
Our young men take up some cry'd up English poet,  
without knowing wherein his thoughts are improper to his  
subject, or his expressions unworthy of his thoughts, or the  
turn of both is unharmonious. *Dryden.*  
Seldom any thing raises wonder in me, which does not give  
my thought a turn that makes my heart the better. *Addison.*  
Female virtues are of a domestick turn. The family is the  
proper province for private women to shine in. *Addison.*  
An agreeable turn appears in her sentiments upon the most  
ordinary affairs of life. *Addison.*